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Title: Food Casing Release Coating Comprising
Polyglyceryl Esters

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 13, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 16-42 are presently pending in the application. Claims 16-20 have been allowed. Claims 21-42 have been rejected. A clean copy of all pending claims are listed in Appendix A at pages 5-8 for Examiner's convenience.

RESPONSE TO REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) AND § 103(a)

The pending claims continue to stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a) over Teepak GB 1470726 (hereinafter "GB 1470726"), U.S. 5,370,914 by Hammer *et. al.* (hereinafter "Hammer") and U.S. Patent 3,966,632 by Colliopoulos *et. al.* (hereinafter "Colliopoulos") for reasons previously of record. In making the rejections, the Examiner states the following:

Applicant's arguments filed 12/31/02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive...Howard et al. (Dictionary of Chemical Names and Synonyms) gives a synonym of glyceryl trioleate as being oleic acid triglyceride (I-302, 122-32-7) and a